

Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials

Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Sunday, August 15, 2021



The August Board Meeting of the Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials (TISDO) was called to order at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 15, 2021, and was conducted as a Zoom Meeting.

Attendance: In attendance at the Board Meeting were TISDO Board Members: Gloria Schuldt (Chairperson), Chris Lysinger (Vice Chair), Janet Cranmer (Secretary), Brian Walls (Treasurer), Roger Graham (Web Master), Bob Lang, Mike Swaim, and Jennifer Mangum (Diving Rep). Not in attendance from the Board was Jim Holcomb of El Paso who is State Meet Referee. Also, in attendance was 2020 - 2021 TISDO member Stewart Gerhart of Lubbock as an interested party. It was noted that any interested party may always attend meetings since they are posted on the TISDO Website.

Welcome: Chairperson Gloria Schuldt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. It was noted that this Zoom Meeting is being taped. Janet requested access to the tape if needed to correct the minutes of this meeting. Gloria agreed.

Secretary's Report: It was explained that the minutes are reviewed by the entire TISDO Board and then posted on the TISDO.org website. Secretary Janet Cranmer sent the minutes to all TISDO Board Members following the February Meeting and they were approved and posted to the TISDO Website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brian Walls presented the treasurer's report. It includes all outstanding items being accounted for in the report. The report will be posted upon the TISDO website for members upon approval. With no discussion, Gloria called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. A motion was made by Jennifer Mangum and seconded by Chris Lysinger to accept the treasurer's report as sent to members. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget: In presenting the proposed budget for the 2021 - 2022 season, treasurer Brian Walls is suggesting that the Board increase the annual registration to \$45 or \$50 to maintain a balance moving forward. Brian stated that it takes \$47/year in members' registration to break even as expenses stand at this time. With the increase in the membership registration fee to \$50, it would allow the balance to move forward after expenses to have \$12,000 remaining in the bank account. With no discussion, Gloria called for a motion. A motion was made by Janet Cranmer and seconded by Jennifer Mangum to increase the annual TISDO members' registration fee for the 2021 - 2022 season to \$50 in order to ensure we can maintain an adequate balance at the conclusion of the year. The motion passed with no dissent.

501 C (3) Status: Brian explained that Tracy Johnson, an official in the Dallas area with 501 C (3) experience, has finished reviewing the paperwork and consulting pro-bono on our paperwork for submission for 501 C (3) status and Brian has filed the paperwork using the EZ Form available. This allowed for a paperless submission. Brian believes we should hear something in six to eight weeks or prior to the next meeting in February.

Agenda change: At this time, the Chair asked for a point of privilege to move an item from later on the agenda to this point in the meeting. The Board agreed, and Gloria explained that she has been informed that the NFHS will be using a company called "Dragonfly" for testing and registration for all high school sports. The UIL has agreed at this time to have all Texas Sports move to this company as soon as the NFHS has it ready for use. It will be called "All Things Officiating." This means TISDO will no longer have to type and load a test. Gloria has heard from NFHS this site will be cheaper by as much as 20 to 30% and that it is easier to navigate than what we currently use. Janet commented that TISDO Members will be happy to hear this especially with all the problems many members had in the past. Roger Graham looked up the dragonfly site online and found it to be at dragonflymax.com and is used for all sports. Gloria will be in a conference call with the NFHS, and UIL about using this company and invited Brian to join her in this meeting. She then added Jennifer as our Diving Rep, Diving Referee and Rules Interpreter Penny DiPomazio.

Rules Books: Gloria had to delay picking up rules books and will have them out in the next week or so. They will again be mailed to Board Members and Pat Nelson for the Border Region for distribution as in the past. Members must either attend a clinic or contact a Board Member to get their rules book.

Membership Communications: It was reported that the Arbiter account has been purged of past members to help with emails and other communications. Gloria also wanted to remind all of us and our members that the communication on protocols for procedures used at pools is that of the school districts hosting the meets. If an official has a concern or question, they should go to the meet referee and the meet referee may ask the coach or school administrator present for clarification, but even the referee may not change any procedure used for the facility. This is critical for us to work in partnership with the schools and UIL and is not negotiable.

Rules Changes: The rule changes for the 2021 - 2022 season by the NFHS has been sent to all Board Members and is posted on the TISDO Website at www.tisdo.org. It was noted that there were few changes for swimming but many changes for diving. Jennifer will get with Penny Di Pomazio to review the current test and provide any updates needed to last year's test due to the new rule changes. Brian commented that on the current Rules changes, the coach no longer must write the UIL as our governing body in order to ask that the swimmer be allowed to wear a suit with more coverage for religious reasons. If there is a concern about the suit having too much compression or that the fabric is not permeable, the referee may contact the coach and is to contact the UIL following the meet as instructed on the NFHS video training.

Resignations: The Chair called for any resignations at this time. Hearing none, the Board for the 2021 - 22 season shall remain the same.

New Business: A question was raised regarding elected versus appointed members of the TISDO board. After a general discussion of elected versus appointed members among the Board Members, Vice Chairman Chris Lysinger agreed to review the By-Laws and Constitution and to report back on these matters at the February Board Meeting.

In other New Business/Announcements, Gloria reported the even though the meet went very well in San Antonio and many liked the Boy's Meets and the Girl's Meets held separately, the UIL has announced that the State Swimming and Diving Meet will be held in Austin, Texas, at the University of Texas, February 18 and 19, 2022. This will make the next General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting February 20, 2022. Janet will make arrangements with the Holiday Inn for a block of rooms for officials and a room for the TISDO Board Meeting. That information will go out to officials chosen to work the State Meet.

Registration and Testing: Since we will be using Arbiter this year, it was recommended that the Registration and Testing both open September 1, 2021, and closes October 31st at midnight. A motion was made by Bob Lang and seconded by Mike Swaim for these dates to remain the same this year. The motion passed unanimously. The test will again be 50 random swimming questions with an 80% needed for passing. Members will have five attempts to pass the test.

Old Business: Janet stated that she and Scott Reynolds have the directions for members to register for Arbiter Pay as requested at the lats meeting and will send Roger the directions to post on the tisdo.org website.

Brian asked Janet when she will have the annual training information completed for posting on the TISDO website and for those facilitating clinics this year. It was then noted that several clinics are currently being planned. Janet commented that she already began the Power Point and is hoping to use the video from NFHS and a separate slide show for reminders, updates, and interpretations. Janet stated she will provide the Board the Power Point with video information within the week for the Board to review and for Roger to post. She will also order the 2021 - 2022 badges for members after going through the list of members the day after registration closes.

With no other business, there was a motion to adjourn made by Roger Graham and seconded by Chris Lysinger. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Cranmer
TISDO Secretary

